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In re patent application of: Joseph Smetana Jr.

For:

METHOD FOR FORMING A BACK-DRILLED PLATED THROUGH HOLE IN A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND THE RESULTING PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD

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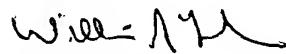
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First Named Inventor: **J seph Smetana Jr.**Title: **Method for Forming a Back-Drilled Plated Through Hole in a Printed Circuit Board and the Resulting Printed Circuit Board**Atty Docket Number: **WJT002-0036**

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